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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman:—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.
" 6 " 4% " "
" 12 " 5% " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000.
RESERVE FUND, £160,000.

Banker.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 6 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 9 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

For Sale.

CHRISTMAS STORES

—AND— PRESENTS.

PLUM PUDDINGS.
CHRISTMAS CAKES.
MINCEMEAT.
SMYRNA FIGS.
ELVAS PLUMS.
CRYSTALLISED FRUITS.
DRAGEES.
French and English BONBONS.
CHOCOLATE for DESSERT.
ASSORTED COCONUTS.
TELEPHONE CRACKERS.
CONFERENCE CRACKERS.
AQUARIUM CRACKERS.
French and English TOYS.
DOLLS, in latest Parisian Costumes.
SWIMMING DOLLS.
DOLLS' PORTMANTEAUX.
DANCING and WALKING DOLLS.
PUNCH and JUDY SHOW.
ROCKING HORSES.
MUSICAL BOXES.
TEA and DINNER SETS.
NOAH'S ARKS.
WHEELBARROWS.
GUNS and SWORDS.
SPADES and PAISLS.
BARREL ORGANS.
French ALBUMS.
LADIES' DRESSING CASES.
GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES.
WORK BASKETS and BOXES.
LADIES' COMPANIONS.
PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES.
CARD RECEIVERS.
STATUETTES.
Bohemian FLOWER VASES.
Pharaoh WRITING CABINETS.
SCENT CASES in Velvet and Crystal.
RUSSIA POCKET BOOKS.
MOROCCO CIGAR CASES, &c.
Electro-Plated, SCISSORS in Cases.
BIBLES.
PAINT BOXES, Fitted.
TOILET BOTTLES and VASES.
ANEROIDS.
CROCODILE SCENT CASES.
CIGAR BOXES.
WRITING DESKS.
MEERSCHAUM PIPES.
LATEST DESIGNS in Electro-Plated WARE.
MARK TWAIN'S SCRAP BOOKS.
PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.
&c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, November 20, 1878.

Intimations.

W. KEER TAYLOR, HOUSE AND SHIP PAINTER, DECORATOR.

ROSE & Co. have received, ex Argyle, Feronia, and FRENCH and ENGLISH MAIS, A WELL-SELECTED STOCK, Comprising:—

LADIES' TRIMMED and UNTRIMMED FRENCH BONNETS and HATS, FRENCH FLOWERS & FEATHERS, FANCY TIERS and SCARFS, PLAIN and FANCY LINEN and LACE SETS.

NEW RIBBONS and LACES, SUNSHADES, in all the Newest Patterns.

FRENCH MANTLES and SHAWLS, DRESS MATERIALS in all the Leading Shades, with VELVETEENS and TRIMMINGS to match.

BLACK and COLOURED SILKS, New Shades.

CHILDREN'S FANCY WOOL WRAPS, COSTUMES, and EMBROIDERED PELISSES, WOOL GAITERS, HOSIERY, &c.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S BOOTS and SHOES.

GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS, COLLARS, HOSIERY, SCARFS and TIES, HAND-KERCHIEFS, TRAVELLING RUGS, &c.

BED and TABLE LINEN.

TAPESTRY and CRETONNE HANGINGS, in all the New Shades and Designs.

TABLE CLOTHS and COVERS, to match.

EIDER DOWN QUILTS.

A GOOD SELECTION of MECHANICAL and other TOYS and GAMES, including ROCKING and VELOCIPEDIC HORSES, CHILDREN'S FRENCH PERAMBULATORS,

DOLLS' FRENCH PERAMBULATORS, LAWN TENNIS & CROQUET SETS, TENNIS MARKERS and BALLS, THE CLEOPATRA, ROULETTE, MAGIC FISH, &c., &c., BONBON and CRACKERS, in Great Variety.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS and NEW YEARS' GIFTS for Ladies and Gentlemen, in the Latest Novelties and Inventions.

Hongkong, December 11, 1878. ja1

S. A. M. H. I. N. G.

S. T. U. L. T. Z.

HAS JUST RECEIVED FER "CYBRENET,"

AND HAS FOR SALE:—

NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS,

WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds,

TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS,

HATS in every style,

DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES,

88 and 90, Queen's Road Central,

Hongkong, December 11, 1878. ja1

Intimations.

MOORE & Co.,

"VARIETY STORE"

NEWS AGENTS and TOBACCONISTS, No. 42, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

WONG CHIU,

PHOTOGRAPHER,

No. 84, Queen's Road, HONGKONG.

(Opposite the P. & O. Co.)

CHINESE VIEWS

FOR SALE AT MODERATE PRICE

December 11, 1878. ja1

A FONG,

PHOTOGRAPHER,

by appointment, to

H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, H. E. AD-

MINAL ALFRED P. RIDER, and to H. H. L.

THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS of RUSSIA.

UNDER the Management of D. K. GRIFFITH, recently of the WOOD-

BUTTTYPE Co.

Enlargements are now being made in

PERMANENT PIGMENT, Guaranteed to be

Indestructible by time or climate, and at

Prices very little more than were charged

for the old perishable Silver Prints.

Amongst the Novelties is a quick-acting

Instrument for the production of Children's

Portraits.

ALL STYLES of PHOTOGRAPHY!

Taken Daily at Moderate Charges.

STUDIO, QUEEN'S ROAD,

Nearly opposite The Hongkong Hotel,

Hongkong, December 18, 1878. ja1

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO.,

LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company

will be CLOSED from the 20th to the

27th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. BRADLEY SMITH,

General Agent, pro tem.

Hongkong, December 18, 1878. ja1

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COM-

PANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company

will be CLOSED from the 27th Inst.

to the 3rd Proximo, both days inclusive.

A. NEWTON,

Manager.

Hongkong, December 18, 1878. ja1

Auctions.

WINE AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have

been instructed to sell by Public

Auction, without reserve, (in order to

close Consignments), on

SATURDAY,

the 21st December, at Noon, in their

Sale Room, Praya,—

21 Cases quartz JUICE CANTER'S

CHAMPAGNE, Grand Vin in Extra, Dry.

And a few Cases of LAFITTE & Co.'s

CLARETS, comprising: Chateau Latour,

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

M. R. H. VERNON
begs to announce that he will
shortly take his
FAREWELL BENEFIT.

On which occasion he will be assisted by the
AMATEUR DRAMATIC CORPS,
Who have kindly given their valuable
services.

COMEDY AND OPERA
FOR
MR. H. VERNON'S
FAREWELL BENEFIT.

Particulars shortly.
Hongkong, December 16, 1878.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNERS.

CONSIGNERS of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery.
This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.

Ex "Pai Ho."
N M K (in diamond) 5/4 Imp. Aldridge,
V S C Salmon & Co., from London, 2 cases
Machinery.

K J (in diamond) 10, Order, 1 case Haber-
L S dashery, from London.

J B 12, Order, 1 case Flannel, from
London.

S J C 886, Order, 1 case Merino, from
London.

Hongkong, December 5, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

S. S. SINDH AND DJEMNAH.

NOTICE.
CONSIGNERS of Cargo per S. S.
Euphrates, from London, in connec-
tion with the above Steamer, are hereby
informed that their Goods are being
landed and stored at their risk at the Com-
pany's Godown, whence delivery may be
obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless Intimation is received from the Con-
signees, before To-morrow, the 18th Inst.,
at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after THU-
RSDAY, the 18th Inst., at Noon, will be
subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, December 12, 1878.

FOR SALE.

COKE AND TAR
FOR SALE,
In QUANTITIES to SUIT PURCHASERS.
Apply at the GAS WORKS, West Point,
A. NEWTON
Manager.
Hongkong, November 5, 1878.

WASHING BOOKS.
(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use
of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now
ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.
CHINA MAIL Office.

Intimations.

SUBMARINE DIVING.

CAPTAIN W. CLARK has all the necessary
Appliances for SALVING
OPERATIONS, and is prepared to undertake
Contracts to work at Wrecks to the Depth
of 20 Fathoms.

For particulars as to terms, &c., apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
at Hongkong Harbour:—

FONTENAY, British ship, Capt. Geo. B.
Taylor.—Arnold, Karborg & Co.

COMMISSION, British ship, Captain A.
Morton.—Meyer & Co.

FAVRE, French barque, Captain E. M.
Gouyo.—Landstein & Co.

NAPIER, British barque, Capt. W. L.
Bayar.—Messageries Maritimes.

FOURTH OF FORTH, British barque, Capt.
J. Cowper.—Olyphant & Co.

EARL OF DEVON, British barque, Captain
James Beer.—Captain.

TAIWAN, German barque, Captain C. Jes-
sen.—Arnold, Karborg & Co.

BAMBURG, German barque, Captain H.
von Krogo.—Edmund Schellhase & Co.

ASTORIA, American barque, Capt. A.
H. Nelson.—Captain.

OLIVE, British steamer, Captain N.
Prowse.—Borneo Company, Limited.

S. R. BEARCE, American barque, Capt.
A. E. Oakes.—Russell & Co.

PHANTOM, British barque, Captain H.
Egeland.—Wieler & Co.

GRIGALAS, British barque, Captain John
Le Gouter.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PRINCE ARTHUR, British barque, Capt.
A. W. Will.—Chinese.

KYRK, Norwegian barque, Captain Ole
Larsen.—Meyer & Co.

MAID OF JUDAH, British barque, Capt.
John W. Webb.—Rogers & Co.

Intimations.

VICTORIA REGATTA.
TWENTY-THIRD MEETING.
MONDAY AND TUESDAY,
23RD AND 24TH DECEMBER, 1878.

FIRST DAY.

MONDAY, 23RD DECEMBER, 1878.
FIRST RACE.—1 P.M.—Junior Sculls. For
Single Pair Sculling Boats. Entrance
\$5. Distance One Mile. Prize, "Bro-
ken Cup." Open to any one who has
never won a Sculling Race in China
and Japan.

SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M.—For Gigs pul-
led by European Non-Commissioned
Officers and Men of any Regiment or
Corps in Garrison, or by European
Members of the Police Force. Distance
One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize,
\$15; Second, \$5. Outrigged Boats
excluded.

THIRD RACE.—2 P.M.—The "Chairman's
Cup," for Four-Oared Canton Cutters.
Distance One-mile-and-a-half. En-
trance \$10.

FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M.—For Men-of-
War Gigs and Whalers. Distance One
Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15;
Second, \$5. No time allowed for
Oars.

FIFTH RACE.—8 P.M.—"Ladies' Purse."
For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Round
Stake Boat and back to Flag Ship.
Entrance \$5.

SIXTH RACE.—3.30 P.M.—For House Boats
"Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance
One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize,
\$15; Second, \$5. Time for Oars, 6
seconds per Oar.

SEVENTH RACE.—4 P.M.—International
Race, "Challenge Cup," presented by
the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

EIGHTH RACE.—4 P.M.—International
Race, "Challenge Cup," presented by
the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

NINTH RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

TENTH RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Eleventh RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Twelfth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Thirteenth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Fourteenth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Fifteenth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Sixteenth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Seventeenth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Eighteenth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Nineteenth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Twentieth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Twenty-first RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Twenty-second RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Twenty-third RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Twenty-fourth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Twenty-fifth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Twenty-sixth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Twenty-seventh RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Twenty-eighth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Twenty-ninth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Thirtieth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Thirty-first RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Thirty-second RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Thirty-third RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Thirty-fourth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Thirty-fifth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Thirty-sixth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Thirty-seventh RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Thirty-eighth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Thirty-ninth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Fortieth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Forty-first RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Forty-second RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Forty-third RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Forty-fourth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Forty-fifth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Forty-sixth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Forty-seventh RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Forty-eighth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Forty-ninth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

Forty-fifth RACE.—4 P.M.—"Challenge Cup,"
presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before

have disgusted the Bishop, and it is scarcely a matter for wonder that the school was withdrawn from under the Grant-in-aid scheme on the following year.

This is what Mr Stewart thinks of the 200 attendances:—

Experience has shown the necessity of one or two modifications of the original scheme. It is now evident that the values of the passes should be raised, and a proposal to that effect will soon be offered for approval. It will also be proposed to pay for attendance. Regularity is itself a very valuable result, calling for much attention from all connected with a school, and being only attainable after considerable exertion. A payment, therefore, of so much per head on the average attendance will be included among the recommendations that are to be made. This, it is to be hoped, will satisfy the conductors of St. Saviour's Day School, now St. Joseph's English School, and induce them to reconsider their decision of declining to receive aid on the present conditions. On another point which presents an obstacle there may be some difficulty. It is objected to the present scheme that 200 daily attendances of 4 hours each in a year, is an excessive requirement, and that so much is not required elsewhere. It will of course rest with the Executive to say how far, if at all, it is desirable to make a retrogression in this direction, but a recommendation to that effect is not likely to be made. In agricultural and other districts where the services of the children are indispensable at certain seasons, it is only proper that due allowance should be made; but here, in the city of Victoria, there is nothing but sickness which can possibly interfere with a scholar's attendance. At present 113 days, exclusive of Sundays, are allowed for holidays and other causes of absence; and if that margin is not ample enough for all contingencies, it is difficult to see how we can stop short of allowing work to yield to play. On no other ground will any objection be offered, but firmness on this point seems to mean the difference between efficiency and inefficiency; between a school where education is considered a difficulty to be strenuously grappled with, and a school where only a certain routine of duty is considered sufficient.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]

(Per E. E. A. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

AN IMPORTANT CORRECTION.

The following has just been received from Singapore:—

Message dated 17th instant, (London, 16th) read:—

The House of Commons negatived the motion with a majority in favor of Government of 323 votes against 227.

LONDON, 18th December, 1878.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department in reply to a question admitted the distress in the country, but declared that the reports were exaggerated.

The House of Commons negatived the motion with a majority in favor of Government of 323 votes against 125.

Both Houses of Parliament have adjourned for the Christmas Holidays until 18th February.

The Standard publishes a telegram from St. Petersburg stating that the Russian Mission to Kabul has been officially recalled.

* It is impossible to understand what motion is here referred to.—Ed. C.M.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Legislative Council will meet on Saturday, the 21st December instant, at 2 p.m.

The West Point Murder case, which is on the Calendar for the present Sessions, has been postponed sine die, until after the holidays.

We have been requested to state that entries for the sailing races for the Regatta should be sent either to Captain Burnie, or Mr D. C. Travers, addressed to the Hong Kong Club.

Two pieces will be performed by the English Opera Company on Saturday evening next, namely, the comic opera "The Crimson Scarf," and the Operatic Extravaganza "The Sea Nymphs."

An inquest was held this afternoon on the body of a Chinaman named Ho Ah Yuen, who died from eating opium. Messrs J. T. Chater, H. Saporos, and C. Kock, comprised the Jury. The enquiry was adjourned until Friday next.

At the Marine Court to-day, Henry Butt, a seaman belonging to the Belgian steamer *Perseus*, was charged by Mr Brooke, the Brig Officer, with being drunk and disorderly on board. Defendant admitted the charge, and having been cautioned to amend his behaviour, was ordered on board his ship again.

The Band of the 74th Highlanders will perform the following programme at the Officer's Mess to-morrow night, commencing at 8.45 p.m.:—

Overture,.....*La Mecan*,.....Author, Selection,.....*Martha*,.....*Witow*, Value,.....*Sweethearts*,.....*D'Albert*, Reminiscence of *Boyle*,.....*Spanish Dancer*, Value,.....*Elton Almack*,.....*Waldteufel*, M. J. Buchanan, Bandmaster.

SUPPORTERS of the do-nothing foreign policy of Mr Gladstone will be apt to experience some difficulty in forgiving the author of the stupid mistake conveyed in the telegram of the 16th. Many residents, generally sceptical when reasonable grounds existed, were thoroughly convinced this time that Reuter was correct because the telegram was consistent throughout; but the wise father of all our telegraphic woes has conclusively shown that a stupendous blunder can be dove-tailed into a message in a manner which may deceive the smartest expert. Another omission has been apparently made in the telegram of the 16th in which a second victory of the Government is recorded. It will be a subject of general satisfaction, however, to learn that the foreign policy of England remains unchanged, especially as regards Afghanistan and Russia.

EXECUTION OF NEWMAN.

Charles Newman suffered the extreme penalty of the law this morning for the murder of Silvano Gutierrez on the 8th August last. The wretched man has conducted himself very well in gaol since he was sentenced, and made a full confession that he had only been dissembling when he appeared to be insane. He was, he said, "only working his point," but this time he did not succeed in his endeavour to "work his point," being placed under such a strict surveillance that to continue playing the unreal part he was acting was far more than he could manage, strong-nerved and stubborn though he evidently was. Once he became aware that all doubts as to his sanity had been removed, the unhappy wretch tore himself manfully enough. His counsel had done all that was possible to clear him from the grave charge of wilful murder, but there was not a single point in his favor, as the evidence was far too clear and damning. 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